

COUNTRY Germany (Soviet Zone)

REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

TOPIC Wittstock Airfield

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REMARKS

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1. Between 3 and 6 p.m. on 1 March 1952, there was flying by swept-back jet fighters at Wittstock airfield. A plane [REDACTED] took off at 3 p.m. in cloudless weather and landed at 3:25 p.m. The plane [REDACTED] took off at 3:40 p.m. and landed at 4:10 p.m. A third plane took off at 4:30 p.m. During the time of observation, two Soviet guards patrolled along the outer side of the board fence along Wittstock-Alt Dabern road.

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2. Between 9:45 a.m. and 5 p.m. on 5 March, except for a break of one hour and a half during noon, there was flying by swept-back jet fighters. The plane [REDACTED] took off at 9:55 a.m. in cloudless weather and landed at 10:25 a.m. A second plane took off at 9:56 a.m. and landed at 10:20 a.m. A third plane took off at 10:45 a.m. and circled the field. At 1:40 p.m., three twin-jet aircraft flying in wedge formation crossed the field coming from the direction of Schweinrich. (1) The distance of the aircraft flying behind each other was about the length of a plane, and the distance between two planes flying side by side was about two wing spans. Between 8:30 and 11:20 p.m. on 10 March, U-2s circled the field.

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3. On 1 March, 1 sedan, 1 jeep, a radio truck [REDACTED] and 4 large three-axle tank trucks each with a three-axle trailer went through Wittstock toward the field. The radio truck had a set on its top which was covered with a white tarpaulin. The set was about 1.8 meters high and shaped like a cylinder about 1.5 meters in diameter. (2) On 4 March, an officer and about 20 soldiers with their baggage were picked up at Wittstock railroad station by truck [REDACTED] and hauled to the field.

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4. [REDACTED]

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5. Between 12 and 23 March, there was the following flying activity at the field:

12 March, local flying by single-engine planes;

14 March, individual jet fighters flew aerobatics at high altitudes; in the evening, weapons of jet aircraft were zeroed in while firing at a practice target; at night, individual flights were made by conventional aircraft.

17 March, individual flights were made by conventional aircraft.

18 March, night flying was practiced by individual conventional aircraft.

19 March, there was no flying at Wittstock airfield. South of Wittstock, 2 or 3 jet planes whose exhaust trails were seen banked at a high altitude.

21 March, individual conventional aircraft circled the field. Sixteen swept-back jet fighters were parked in front of the hangars.

6. Two fuel storage facilities, each 4 x 8 meters, were located near the garages. They were 1 meter underground and projected 1.5 to 2 meters above the ground. One storage building was completed and the other one was under construction. (3) Reconditioning work was being done on the barracks buildings which had been gutted by fire two years ago. (4)

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- 25X1 8. Between 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. on 27 March, there was no flying. Twelve swept-back jet fighters and 8 planes whose type could not be identified were parked at the field. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Comments.

- 25X1 (1) The aircraft observed belong to the Northern Bmr Div. [REDACTED] 25X1
[REDACTED] recently reported bombing by aircraft of this division over the Gadow-Rossow bombing range near Schweinrich.
- 25X1 (2) The type of the set on top of the radio truck cannot be identified. The cylinder-shaped structure excludes the possibility of a radar set. It is possible that it is a mobile flight control station with a plexiglass turret in which the flight control officer stands or sits. If this assumption is correct, the dimensions of the cylinder are considerably overestimated.
- (3) The two new fuel dumps are probably tank installations for motor vehicles.
- (4) The gutted buildings are the eastern barracks buildings.
- 25X1 (5) The report confirms that Wittstock airfield is still occupied by jet fighters, a fighter regiment and a fighter corps head-quarters are stationed at the field. [REDACTED] 25X1
the regiment was equipped with 32 jet aircraft, including 28 MiG-15s and 4 type-29s, in January 1952. Thirty-one new MiG-15s in crates arrived at Wittstock on 2 February. [REDACTED] 25X1
Most of these aircraft may have been distributed to other units. However, it is believed that the regiment in Wittstock was also supplied with some planes and thus has been brought up to its authorized strength of 38 MiG-15s. [REDACTED] have not 25X1
been able to determine the actual aircraft strength because of fences and patrols around the field.

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